

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CEO

# Energy savings in winter

With January typically being one of the coldest months of the year, we all need to think about our winter power bills. Believe it or not, it is possible to keep your energy use in check and maintain your power bill in cold weather. Being aware of what contributes to higher electric bills helps us take action to reduce the winter impact.

Cold weather can cause higher electric bills because it takes more energy to heat a home than to cool one – especially in extended and extreme cold. Heating your home in winter makes up around 50% of your electric bill. Paying attention to your heating habits makes a tremendous difference.

Setting your thermostat to 68 degrees or as low as comfortably possible is a good first step. Keep in mind that whatever your thermostat is set to, your heating system’s job is to maintain that temperature. If the outside temperature is 20 degrees and your thermostat is set to 68, your heating system will run considerably more to make up the 48-degree difference and keep your home warm.

When increasing the temperature in your home, it is recommended to do it one-to-two degrees at a time. Doing this lets the heating unit catch up without causing auxiliary heat to turn on. Programmable thermostats are a great tool used by many members to automatically adjust the temperature, even when no one is home. Replace your air filter regularly to improve your heating system’s performance.

Other actions to help reduce energy use include applying weatherstripping around doors, caulking around windows, and making sure your attic ductwork and insulation are in good condition. Opening curtains during the day to allow sunlight in and wearing layers of clothing are free things that can help and keep you from moving the thermostat temperature up.

Singing River Electric is your partner for energy savings and offers energy tips, energy calculators, and other member resources on our website at [singingriver.com/ways-to-save](http://singingriver.com/ways-to-save). To find out where you can save, take a few minutes to go through the site and see what actions you can take now to help next month’s electricity bill.

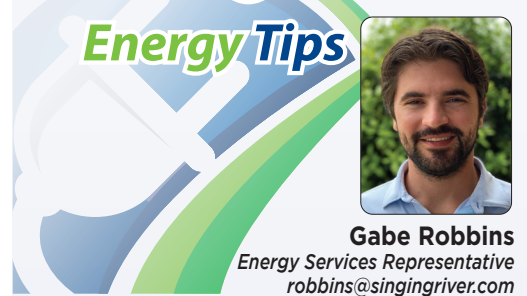


by **Brian Hughey**

General Manager and CEO

## Notice of Singing River Electric Director Qualification Period

Candidates seeking election to Singing River Electric Cooperative’s board of directors must visit Singing River Electric’s Lucedale office located at 11187 Old 63 South to obtain a director qualification packet. Completed forms and petitions must be returned to the Lucedale office by 5 p.m. on the last business day of February (Friday, February 28, 2025).

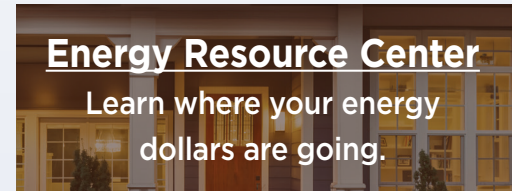


**Energy Tips**

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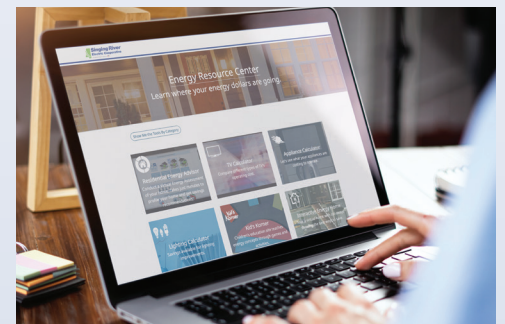
## Energy calculators

As we enter the new year, use our online energy calculators to better understand how energy is being consumed in your home and work toward a more energy-efficient home.



**Energy Resource Center**  
Learn where your energy dollars are going.

Our **Residential Energy Advisor** lets you conduct a Virtual Energy Assessment of your home. This calculator evaluates your home and provides several ways to reduce your electric bill. The results break down each aspect of your home and provide a monetary amount of savings that could be captured by following the recommendations provided.



The **appliance calculator** shows how much your appliances are costing you, while the **lighting calculator** shows savings available for lighting improvements.

The **Energy Basics** section is great resource to learn some basics about electricity and to better understand just about any aspect of your home’s electricity use. The residential energy library offers information about bill information, energy audits, heating and cooling, and more.

To access all the energy calculators, visit [singingriver.com/ways-to-save](http://singingriver.com/ways-to-save).





# PATHWAYS 2 POSSIBILITIES



At the Pathways2Possibilities (P2P) Career Expo held November 20-21 in Biloxi, more than 7,000 8th graders from area schools explored career interests and learned about many career fields.

In the Energy Pathway, Singing River Electric employees helped students with true hands-on experiences like climbing a power pole and framing a pole – all while wearing rubber lineman gloves. The students also asked and answered mock questions at the member service representative booth and learned about fiber internet splicing from our Singing River Connect fiber technicians.

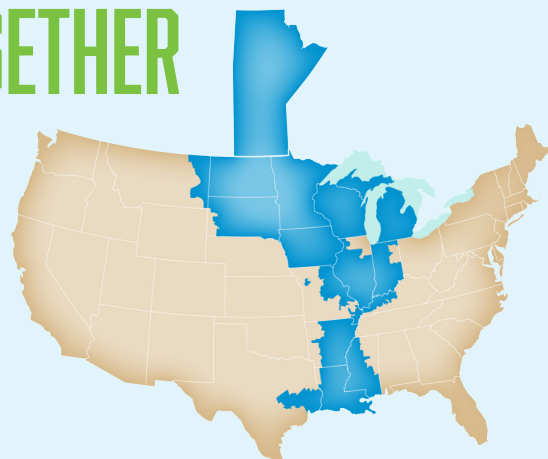


## COOPERATIVE PRINCIPLE NO. 4 EDUCATION, TRAINING AND INFORMATION

## THE POWER OF WORKING TOGETHER

Singing River Electric and 10 other Mississippi electric cooperatives get their power from Cooperative Energy, a cooperative that generates electricity and then delivers that electricity to our substations. Because these 12 cooperatives are joined together as one mutual source of power, your service is more reliable and more affordable than it would be if each system operated alone.

In much the same way, Cooperative Energy is part of MISO, an even larger network of power companies across the U.S. and Canada. Working together, these companies produce electricity for everyone from Mississippi to Manitoba at the lowest possible cost and make sure electricity is readily available.



**MISO** MIDCONTINENT  
INDEPENDENT  
SYSTEM OPERATOR

# START THE NEW YEAR OFF RIGHT!

with uninterrupted connectivity  
and local service!

*"The installation process was quick, and the service has exceeded my expectations with its speed, reliability, quality, and exceptional customer support from Singing River Connect."*

Eileen,  
Benndale substation area

**SR Singing River  
Connect**

[singingriverconnect.com](http://singingriverconnect.com)

## SR Singing River Connect Fiber Construction Timeline - January 2025

**Step 1: Make-ready engineering**  
*Examine. Design.*  
This step is complete!



**Step 4: Splicing**  
*Connecting the dots.*  
St. Martin and Tucker Road substation areas



**Step 2: Make-ready construction**  
*Planning the most efficient approach to fiber deployment.*  
Bayou Cassotte, Kreole, Monaco Lake, Singing River Mall, and Gautier substation areas



**Step 5: Service drop & drop splicing**  
*The last outdoor step. Almost there...*  
Forts Lake, Helena, Helena Industrial, Escatawpa South, Wade, Cumbest Bluff, Benndale, Rocky Creek, Vanleave, Joe Batt, and all previously opened areas



**Step 3: Fiber Construction**  
*Building a network from the ground up.*  
Fountainbleu, Hamill Farm, Ocean Springs, Gulf Park Estates, Sunplex, Fort Bayou, Martin Bluff, and Hickory Hills substation areas



**Step 6: Installation**  
*The speed of light, right to your home.*  
Forts Lake, Helena, Helena Industrial, Escatawpa South, Wade, Cumbest Bluff, Benndale, Rocky Creek, Vanleave, Joe Batt, and all previously opened areas



**Blazing-fast fiber internet from local people you trust.**  
[singingriverconnect.com/signup](http://singingriverconnect.com/signup)



# Meet your 2025 Mississippi Elected Officials

Singing River Electric salutes Mississippi's senators and representatives who represent our state in Washington, D.C., and at our state capitol in Jackson.

## CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION



**TATE REEVES**  
Governor



**DELBERT HOSEMANN**  
Lieutenant Governor



**MICHAEL WATSON**  
Secretary of State



**MIKE EZELL**  
United States Representative  
Fourth District



**CINDY HYDE-SMITH**  
United States Senator



**ROGER WICKER**  
United States Senator

## MISSISSIPPI SENATE



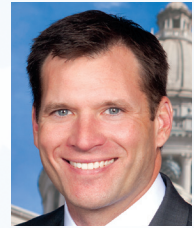
**Sen. Dennis DeBar, Jr.**  
District 43: George, Greene, and Wayne counties  
Address: P.O. Box 1090  
Leakesville, MS 39451



**Sen. Scott Delano**  
District 50: Harrison County  
Address: P.O. Box 4524  
Biloxi, MS 39535



**Sen. Jeremy England**  
District 51: Jackson County  
Address: P.O. Box 6363  
Vancleave, MS 39565



**Sen. Chris Johnson**  
District 45: Forrest and Perry counties  
Address: P.O. Box 18247  
Hattiesburg, MS 39404



**Sen. Robin Robinson**  
District 42: Forrest, Greene, Jones, and Wayne counties  
Address: P.O. Box 1963  
Laurel, MS 39441



**Sen. Joseph M. "Mike" Seymour**  
District 47: Harrison, Jackson, Pearl River, and Stone counties  
Address: P.O. Box 1018,  
Jackson, MS 39215



**Sen. Brice Wiggins**  
District 52: Jackson County  
Address: P.O. Box 922  
Pascagoula, MS 39568

## MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



**Rep. Jeramey Anderson**  
District 110: Jackson County  
Address: P.O. Box 311  
Escatawpa, MS 39562



**Rep. Shane Barnett**  
District 86: Greene, Perry, and Wayne counties  
Address: P.O. Box 621  
Waynesboro, MS 39367



**Rep. Manly Barton**  
District 109: George and Jackson counties  
Address: 7905 Pecan Ridge  
Dr. Moss Point, MS 39562



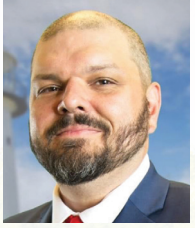
**Rep. Elliott Burch**  
District 105: George, Greene, and Perry counties  
Address: P.O. Box 1215  
Lucedale, MS 39452



**Rep. Casey Eure**  
District 116: Harrison County  
Address: 11839 Sleeping  
Deer Lane,  
Saucier, MS 39754



**Rep. Jimmy Fondren**  
District 111: Jackson County  
Address: 906 Convent Ave.  
Pascagoula, MS 39567



**Rep. Zachary Grady**  
District 115: Harrison County  
Address: P.O. Box 6326  
D'Iberville, MS 39540



**Rep. Jeffrey S. Guice**  
District 114: Jackson County  
Address: 1208 Iola Rd.  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564



**Rep. Ronald Steve Lott**  
District 107: George and Stone counties  
Address: 1125 Ashton Dr.  
Lucedale, MS 39452



**Rep. John O. Read**  
District 112: Jackson County  
Address: 2396 Robert  
Hiram Dr.,  
Gautier, MS 39553



**Rep. Henry B. "Hank" Zuber III**  
District 113: Jackson County  
Address: 503 Minor Lane  
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

### AVAILABLE!

A free, interactive legislative app for Mississippi

The Electric Cooperatives of Mississippi offers a free, easy-to-use mobile app, which provides information on Mississippi's state and federal elected officials. Look for "ECM Legislative Roster" in the Apple App Store. An Android version is also available through Google Play.

